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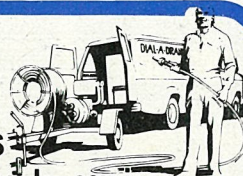
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It gives me great pleasure to welcome this afternoon to Springfield Park Arfon Griffiths and his Crewe Alexandra team.

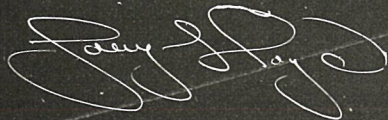
Our result against them earlier in the season resulted in us going to the top of the table for the first time in the club's history, but in saying that, they gave us a very hard battle indeed.

After our recent shaky spell, we, although not playing particularly well, won our last two home games against Blackpool and York City, and at this stage of the season, and the position we are in, this is the most important thing.

Tension and anxiety will creep into the team's performance at times, because after all, we are only human and I would like to ask you, the supporters, to really get behind the lads and give them your full vocal backing when mistakes are made. In saying this, I also appreciate that you also could be feeling the tension, but you could play an enormous part in helping us over the final hurdles, hopefully to the Third Division.

I would like to thank our recently departed Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ken Bates, for the help he has given me, particularly the financial backing, which has enabled me to assemble my present squad of players.

Best wishes,



Larry Lloyd.



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

Local boy David Gaskell was Ian McNeill's star signing in this, the first season in the Northern Premier League — He was signed on a free transfer from Manchester United. He kept goal so well that season, it inevitably earned him much attention and he returned to League Football at the end of that season — being transferred to Wrexham in a part-exchange deal which brought Dennis Reeves to Wigan. Dennis stayed at Springfield Park for many seasons and was probably one of the Athletic's most consistent goalkeepers.

After finishing second in the N.P.L., the first season, 1969/70, provided an exciting finish once again between Wigan and Macclesfield. We only lost the title on goal average. That season, however, we had quite a good cup-run — after battling our way into the First Round Proper, we drew Port Vale at home. "The Vale" held us to a 1-1 draw and we again drew 2-2 in the replay at Vale Park. The second replay was held at Old Trafford and the spectators (around 17,000) saw a great game — Wigan losing by the only goal scored in the last seconds of extra time.

That season, in January, Ian McNeill and the Club parted company — Ian

returned to his native Scotland to manage the Highland League Club Ross County, and after a short spell as acting manager by Duncan Colquhoun, the Board appointed, as player/manager, Gordon Milne, an ex. Liverpool, Blackpool and former England mid-field player. By coincidence, our first manager after the war years was Jimmy Milne, Gordon's father.

The following season Gordon made many changes in the team, bringing to Springfield Park, Derek Temple, a star signing from Everton. He bought Graham Oates from Blackpool, Geoff Davies from Nortwich Vics — Alan Turner from Bradford and Bobby Todd. In 1971, the team had a great Cup run, reaching the Third Round Proper and drawing against Manchester City at Maine Road. The team that day before a 46,212 crowd was:- **Reeves, Turner, Sutherland, Milne, Coutts, Gillibrand, Temple, Todd, Davies, Fleming and Oates.** We lost the game very unluckily by 1-0. The City had a team of stars as follows:- **Corrigan, Book, Mann, Doyle, Booth, Oakes, Summerbee, Bell, Lee, Young, Jeffries.**

A miskick by Dennis Reeves allowed Bell to score the winner. See you next game, **J.H. Farrimond.**

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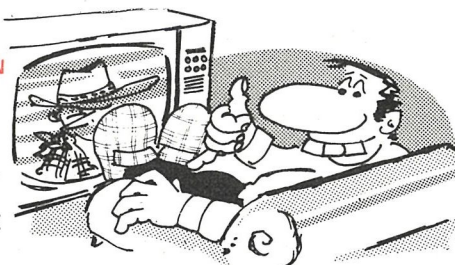
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Blackpool	0-2			0-3		1-1		5-0	1-0	7-1			3-1	2-3	1-0			1-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	2-1	0-2		
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COMING SHORTLY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 24th April, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- ROCHDALE

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th May, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8th May, 1982

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- MANSFIELD TOWN

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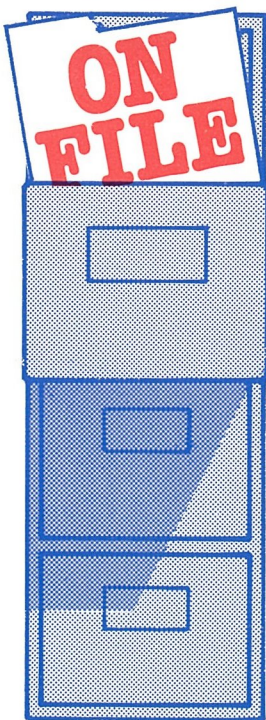
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On Monday last I attended an excellent Junior Latics meeting at which all the players and the manager were present. One of the most entertaining parts of these events is the questioning of the guests, and Monday proved to be no exception. Now for those of you who have never attended, you might expect the questions from the little dears to be of the sort, "Did you always want to be a footballer?" or "What advice would you give on how to train?" But no, they are really sharp and cruel. To Eamon O'Keefe "Why did you get sent off against Liverpool" and "Why did you miss the penalty at Scunthorpe. To Clive Evans, "Does Neil David's talk to you, seeing you broke his leg!" (this from a delightful young lad who looked as if butter wouldn't melt in his mouth). To Larry Lloyd, "Why didn't you wear your blazer when Brian Clough told you to?"

It all reminded me of when I was a teacher in the back streets of Small Heath in Birmingham. My first day on playground duty was marked by a fourth year interrupting a group of second years as they played football. When one of the second years complained to me, I pulled the culprit and started to explain, logically and clearly, why he couldn't join in with the younger lads. "You must realise", I said, "that if you play with them, your superior skills will mean that you'll have the ball all the time and these lads will never learn how to play. Now I'm sure you don't want to ruin their chances of developing and a big lad like you can do them a favour by letting them get on with it." To which he replied, "Why don't you---off you ginger headed---!" Charming.

Best wishes,
Colin Burke



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

Former Latics striker John Pearson is now making a name for himself in local soccer circles. John, a former Manchester United player, was with Latics in their non-league days and became quite a prolific goalscorer in his days with Horwich, Rossendale and Chorley.

Now his is hitting the net regularly with Wigan Amateur League side Bethel, and is one of the reasons why Bethel sit proudly at the top of the League. And last week Pearson was on target yet again for Bethel in the Hughes Cup when he scored one of their three goals in a win over Greenough Street.

In the Laithwaite Shield, the Amateur League's premier cup competition, Wigan Youth are in line for a place in the semi-finals for the fourth successive year. The winner of the Shield for the past three seasons face Appley Bridge, who are fast making a name for themselves as giant killers. In the Post and Chronicle Sunday League, Standish have been fined £30 and had four points deducted for playing unregistered

players. They could also face automatic relegation at the end of the season. Wigan Rovers, who are now re-establishing themselves as a soccer force in the town, unluckily went out of the Lancashire Combination Bridge Shield at the quarter-final stage last week. They lost by the only goal at Nelson, and this weekend they face one heck of a programme in the League. Yesterday they were due to play at Padiham, today they were set to travel to Caernarfon and on Monday they are at home to Great Harwood.

On the school front, Wigan primary schools ended their season on a high note when they thrashed Manchester 3-0 in a County Cup game. It was quite a day for substitute Flanner who came on at the start of the second-half and helped himself to a hat-trick. In the Inter-District League, Wigan Central lead the table from Hindley and then come Golborne, Tyldesley, Atherton, Ashton and Standish and Shevington.

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ABOVE:
G. Barrow slips in to score off O'Keefe's cross.

BELOW:
Peter Houghton, having beaten the York keeper, places shot, but Sweeney races in to clear York's line.
Photographs by David Cookson



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It **may** also be that we shall be needing a new commentator next season. Qualities we would be looking for would, first and foremost, be a dedication to entertaining hospital patients, good clear flowing speech, a detailed knowledge of the game, and whilst almost certainly being a Latics supporter, an ability to talk about the game from an **ALMOST** unbiassed point of view.

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MONEY MATTERS



Good afternoon. Well, I have been told by Helen Turner, the Programme Editor, to write the Commercial Column again this week. Helen, who I am sure you all know by now, also runs the Souvenir Shop for the commercial section, and from what she says, it is one of the most enjoyable parts of working for Wigan A.F.C. The different types of people that come in to the Shop to buy "Latics" items are very varied from young children to old-age pensioners, but all have one thing in common, they all know that Latics are the best!

Whilst writing about the supporters of Wigan Athletic Football Club, I would like to mention the atmosphere that is

generated in the new Executive Lounge. The support in the lounge is tremendous, so if anyone want's a seat, there are still some left.

I would like to thank Mr. John McGee from J.E.M. Spares for sponsoring today's match. J.E.M. Spares (tel. 542241/55357) offer a comprehensive spares service to the trade for plant, commercial vehicles and cars, in addition to providing a fast delivery service in the area. J.E.M. stock all the leading manufacturers spares, including Borg and Beck clutches, Lockheed hydraulics and steering etc. and Automotive Products filters.

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THE UMBRO FLOODLIT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LEAGUE CUP TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING 1.4.82.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points	Bonus Points	Total Points
Shrewsbury Town	8	6	2	0	20	9	14	23	37
Port Vale	7	4	1	2	16	11	9	16	25
Wrexham	6	3	0	3	9	10	6	12	18
Crewe Alexandra	8	2	0	6	7	15	4	11	15
Chester	6	2	0	4	8	12	4	10	14
Wigan Athletic	5	1	1	3	4	7	3	8	11

RESULTS OF LEAGUE CUP FIXTURES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 29.3.82.

		1st Half	2nd Half	Result
29.3.82.	Port Vale v Shrewsbury Town	2-1	0-1	2-2
31.3.82.	Crewe Alexandra v Wrexham	0-3	1-0	1-3

RE-ARRANGED LEAGUE CUP FIXTURES

13.4.82.	WIGAN ATHLETIC v CREWE ALEXANDRA	K.O. 7.00 p.m.
19.4.82.	PORT VALE v WIGAN ATHLETIC	K.O. 7.00 p.m.
21.4.82.	PORT VALE v WREXHAM	K.O. 7.00 p.m.
27.4.82.	WIGAN ATHLETIC v CHESTER	K.O. 7.00 p.m.

LEAGUE CUP FIXTURES TO BE ARRANGED

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SPOTLIGHT

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Player of the Year Award

Today, as you will have noticed, is decision day for the Player of the Year. If you haven't voted, DO IT NOW. The presentation will be made on Wednesday, 28th April, in The Supporters' Club, when the Cabaret will consist of 'The Saffron Showgroup' and 'Liverty Belles', tickets are £1.50 and are limited. These are available from any committee member.

Noel Ward Benefit

On Saturday, 24th April, we are holding a 'HOT-POT' supper at the Wellfield Hotel, Wellfield Road,

Beech Hill. There will be a disco and buffet, tickets are limited and are £2.00. The Benefit Match will be held on Monday, 17th May, 1982, with a 7.30 p.m. kick-off. Our opponents on this occasion have yet to be finalised, but we can promise you good entertainment, with half-time penalty competition, etc. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT A PLAYER WHO GAVE HIS BEST — ONLY TO HAVE HIS CAREER RUINED THROUGH INJURY.

We close this week with a tribute to an O.A.P., who since we gained admission to the Football League has only missed one match, home and away. He is ERNIE CLAXTON of Foster Street, Wigan. At 72 years of age we think that this is a great achievement, and we wish him well for the future and hope he will still be going strong when we reach the First Division.

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Jimmy Hoy, Chairman.



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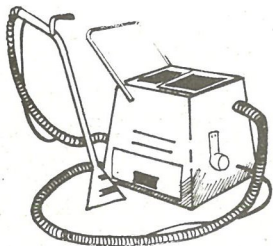
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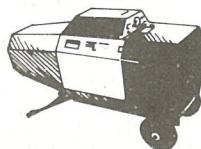
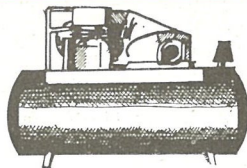
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CREWE ALEXANDRA FOOTBALL CLUB — SEASON 1981/82

Back Row (from left to right): Sean Haslegrave, Dave Waller, Kevin Lewis, Ken Mulhearn, Dave Gwyther (Newport), Ian Callaghan, Mark Palios. **Front Row**: Neil Salathiel, Stephen Hanlon, Bob Scott (Capt.), Phil Bowers. (Photograph by courtesy of Robert Sproston.)

Crewe Alexandra, our visitor's today, during their long history, been affectionately known as "the Railwaymen" due to their close affinity to the local railway industry, "the Robins", no doubt due to the scarlet shirts they wear and in the abbreviated form "The Alex". Another theory was that they were named after a local hostelry, but the real answer is that they were named after Queen Alexandra. However, they came into being in 1877

as a winter adjunct of the local cricket club. At first they played only friendly matches and the players were amateurs. At a later stage the players went on strike and they were then signed as professionals.

Home to Crewe Alexandra is Gresty Road, a short distance from the Railway station and its present capacity is around 16,000. The highest gate was 20,000 when Tottenham Hotspur came there for an F.A. Cup Tie and Crewe held

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ALEXANDRA



PERSONALITIES

COLIN CHESTERS Born locally he started his career as an Apprentice with Derby County and eventually signed full time forms. Made several first team appearances when at Derby and came to Crewe during the 1979/80 Season. A striker he was out of action for a while with a neck injury. Was originally released at the end of last Season but later resigned.

NEIL GRIFFITHS Born Stoke-on-Trent. He commenced his career with Chester and subsequently moved to Port Vale where he made approximately 200 first team appearances. A defender who normally plays in one of the full back positions.

SEAN HASLEGRAVE A close Season signing from Preston North End. Born in Stoke-on-Trent, his career started at the Victoria Ground, where he made over 100 first team appearances. This was followed by a short spell with Nottingham Forest and then to Deepdale making over 100 appearances in the first team. A left-sided midfield player.

PAUL KEIGHLEY A young winger who was released by Bolton Wanderers, at the end of last Season where he played in their reserve side. Is hoping to establish a regular place in the league side.

KEVIN LEWIS This will be his third Season on the Crewe staff and will be hoping to repeat his maximum appearances of last Season. Born in Hull his career started with Manchester United and later with Stoke City. An experienced defender who has occupied both of the full back positions at Crewe.

KEN MULHEARN The most experienced player on the staff and still a most reliable custodian. He joined the Crewe staff from Shrewsbury Town where he made 370 appearances. Last Season he made maximum appearances and kept a clean sheet on 15 occasions. Has now played in over 500

first team games during his career.

MARK PALIOS Came to Gresty Road from Tranmere Rovers during the 1979/80 Season where he had been for several years. A midfield player who scored 7 goals last Season and these were always vital ones. A University graduate who is a part-time player.

NEIL SALATHIEL Released by Wrexham at the end of last Season he came to Crewe during the close season. Has appeared in the pre-Season games and appears to be a player of great promise.

BOB SCOTT Born in Liverpool. His career started with Wrexham and after subsequent moves to Reading, on loan, Hartlepool and Rochdale he arrived at Gresty Road. He was also originally released by the Club but was resigned for this his third Season. Only missed one game during the 1980/81 campaign.

PHIL WILLIAMS Signed at the beginning of the Season. He started his career as an apprentice at Arsenal then had a short spell with Swansea then to Blackpool and in the United States. Has been the regular occupant of the No. 11 spot.

IAN CALLAGHAN A most experienced player and an example to all. Most of his illustrious career was spent with Liverpool where he won all the honours in the game. He then had a two year spell with Swansea and came to Gresty Road in October after a short spell with Cork Hibernian. Has had to miss a few games recently through injury.

IAN HOWAT A young player who came to Crewe on a free transfer from Chester very recently and has quickly settled into the side. A busy player who is always looking for the ball.

WAYNE ENTWISTLE Signed just before the transfer deadline from Blackpool. His career started with Bury and then to Sunderland for a sizeable fee and then to the Bloomfield Road Club. Has been a consistent marksman with his previous clubs.



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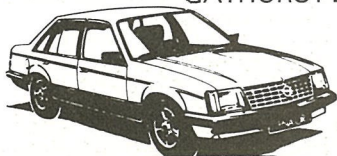
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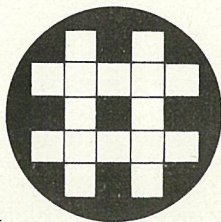
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 25

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Kilmore, could be; --- Ward; --- Burns; Manager Gordon, son of Jimmy.

CLUB CLUE No. 25

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

Skippers initially don't bring in their quota of fish.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 25

Re-order the letters in each of the words **NAVES** and **WHITE** to find the names of two Championship Villans.

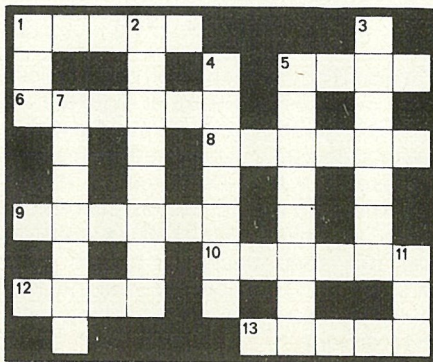
QUICK QUIZ No. 25

- Which is the only major British club with a 'J' in its name?
- Who was "The Highbury Express"?
- England's first-ever match was against Scotland in 1872 — what was the score?
- Which was the first African country to qualify for a World Cup finals series?
- What is the average weight of a football?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 25 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- Top-scorer for Doncaster last season with nearly a third of their total, his goals, of course, helping them to promotion (5)
- Chesterfield's all-time record scorer, he left them (for the second time) at the end of last season (4)
- Number of the number one on the bench! (6)
- Notts County's chief between Jimmy Sirrel's two spells (6)
- This striker's 1970s career took in Watford, Charlton, Blackburn, Huddersfield, Workington and Hartlepool (6)
- See 13 across
- Cropley, could be (4)
- & 10ac. After managing Bristol City, he has been a team-mate of 1 across this season (5, 6)

DOWN

- It's not always hit when a goal is scored (3)
- Where the League Cup lay until Anfield acquired it (8)
- Former Ipswich hero who joined Colchester in 1981 (7)
- What teams in the Italian League are well-known (even notorious) for (7)
- Club which has local derbies against Arbroath, Brechin, and Forfar (8)
- Mark made his debut last season for Wigan ... an anagram of which provides the bulk of his other name! (7)
- One of the Wilkins brothers (3)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

ISN'T it amazing the people you come across at soccer matches . . . The other night during the York City game I was quite at odds with a linesman's decision over whether the ball had crossed the line. Confirmation that it didn't came from the gentleman sat next to me who seemed quite self-assured in making the snap decision. It was only afterwards that I discovered that he has probably had more practice at calling balls out than anyone . . .

For the person in question, Malcolm Huntington, a sports reporter with an evening paper in York, also doubles as a tennis umpire during his summer holidays. And by that, I mean he's adjudged many an error by Nastase, McEnroe, Connors etc. — and had his fair share of abuse — on the world famous centre court at Wimbledon. In fact, Malcolm has officiated as umpire at Wimbledon for some 20 years and last term had the honour of handling the men's doubles final. It's an unpaid chore and he has to make the sacrifice of working all year round and taking his five weeks' holidays in mid summer when tennis gets into full swing. Incidentally, he was telling me how sorry he was to have missed York giving

Latics the runaround at Bootham Crescent earlier in the season, he was in Bangkok officiating — pull the other one, mate!

It's quite interesting to note some of the famous people you can bump into while travelling around with Latics. One group of fans met Sir Alec Guinness, and some of us were lucky enough to meet up with one of the Nolan brothers at Torquay. Ann, now retired from the group, is of course married to the United footballer Brian Wilson. Elsewhere, Snooker ace Terry Griffiths and Coronation Street's Elsie Tanner can often be found at Liverpool games, Peter Adamson (Len Fairclough) has been spotted at Latics before now and Little and Large boost the crowd at Maine Road (especially the big one!) Jasper Carrot was a Birmingham director until recently, he's just a plain fanatic now, Eric Morecambe has the last laugh at Luton and Pete Murray dedicates a record to Arsenal, his favourites, when they manage the odd goal. Jim Davidson follows Bouremouth religiously, he's now a director at Dean Court, while the most famous patron of all, Elton John, is writing a record of his very own at Watford!

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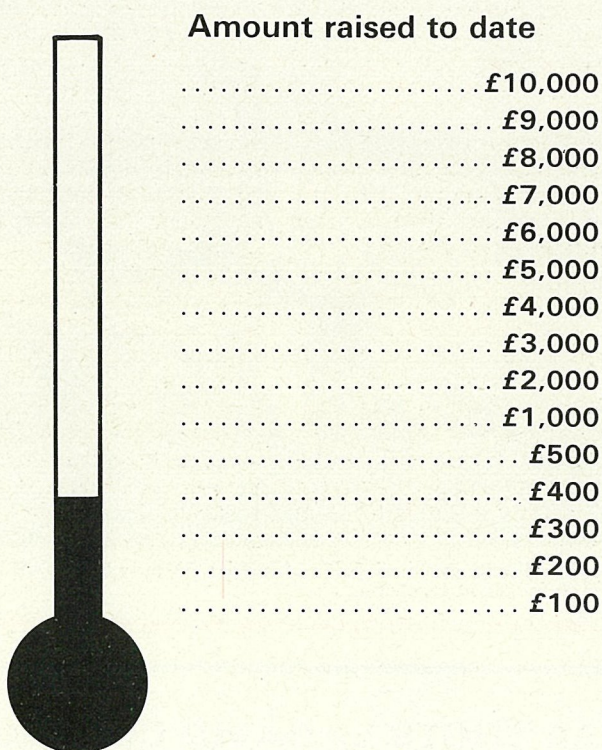
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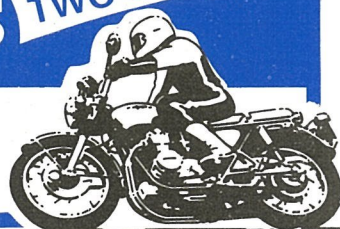
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A GREAT NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL

Monday, 5th April, 1982 will long be remembered by the 350 or so children and parents who packed the Supporters' Club to meet the players of Wigan Athletic, every one of them.

The meeting was compered by Peter Reeves of Radio Piccadilly, who was so impressed by what he saw that I am sure we shall be seeing him again in the near future.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the moment when the players were being introduced to the children, the cheering and applause was absolutely deafening and the atmosphere was electric.

The members of Junior Latics would like to thank the players for giving up their spare time in what is, I know, a very busy week for them. If the entry of the players was the most electric, then the most touching moment was our presentation to Les Bradd of a beautiful teak trophy to commemorate his 550 Football League games.

Thanks Larry and all the team.

NETBALL

Thanks to the generosity of the Douglas Valley Lions, our Netball Girls had smiling faces this week, because the Lions are going to donate a sum of money which will go a long way to buying the kits for our three Netball Teams which we so desperately need. Many thanks gentlemen, from us all.

Just to prove that the girls are skilled at Soccer as well, they were runners-up in a Five-a-Side competition held in Ashton last weekend.

SOCCER

Monday is a very important day for our Under 12's side because they make the long trek to Nottingham, where they play Notts. County in the morning, and then are guests at the County v Forest game in the afternoon. It's going to be a day those boys will remember for a long time and we hope that early next season we will be able to extend an invitation to Notts. County to play a curtain raiser here at Springfield Park.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Today's Mascot has travelled a little further than most of our Mascots, I don't know the exact distance, but it must be something like a 500 mile round trip from Chelmsford and back, but that gives you some idea of how much Brett Lakiddes thinks of 'Latics'.

Brett, who is 11 years old, has many sporting interests which include Football, Ice Hockey, Baseball and Rugby League, just to mention a few.

He lists his hobbies as reading and drawing and he says his favourite players at Wigan are the full squad, because he believes that football is a team game.

His ambition when he leaves school is to be a sports reporter.

I am sure Brett will have a very memorable day.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS





ABOVE:
John McMahon scores Wigan's second goal to bring the score level.

BELOW:
Colin Methven makes no mistake as he hammers in Wigan's fourth goal.
Photographs by David Cookson.



SEASON TICKETS

As a result of the overwhelming number of requests for season tickets for 1982/83, we are asking all existing season ticket holders to renew their season tickets for next year by **15th April**. As it would be unfair to ask for the full cost by that date, a £20 deposit is all that is required. The full price for next year has yet to be approved by the appropriate authorities.

We would point out that our seating capacity is extremely small and, due to the rules of the F.A. and the Football League, we can only sell 65% as season tickets.

SO PLEASE REMEMBER: EXISTING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS.

Renew your season ticket by **April 15th**, but you do not have to pay the full price, at this stage, just a deposit of £20.

C. T. Burke (Secretary)

WIGAN ATHLETIC GOALSCORERS UP TO AND INCLUDING 2nd APRIL, 1982

Les Bradd	17
Peter Houghton	15
Graham Barrow	14
Colin Methven	11
Mike Quinn	6
Larry Lloyd	4
Clive Evans	3
Eamon O'Keefe	3
John McMahon	3
David Glenn	2
Mark Wignall	2
Kevin Sheldon	1
Jimmy Weston	1
Incl. Cup-ties.	82





Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

*2Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1981																
AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon†	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans ²	Houghton
Aug. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd†	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley†	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715		Brown	McMahon	McAdam†	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,996		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn†	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd†	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,952		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-2	1,960		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow ²	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	4,873		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 17	Hull City	2-0	3,600		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 20	Bury	3-5	6,249		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd†	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	2-1	4,553		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. Cup 2 2nd Leg	1-0	4,926		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Evans	M. Quinn
Oct. 30	Colchester United	2-1	3,882		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Wright
NOV. 4	DARLINGTON	2-1	4,512		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED	1-1	4,715		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
Nov. 11	CHELSEA F.L. Cup 3	4-2	12,063		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall ²	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
Nov. 14	York City	0-0	2,780		Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.A. Cup 1	2-2	5,303		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 25	Hartlepool United F.A. Cup 1R	0-1	3,739		Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 28	Rochdale	1-1	2,675		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
DEC. 1	ASTON VILLA F.L. Cup 4	1-2	15,362		Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Dec. 5	HAI IFAX TOWN	2-0	4,022		Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven†	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright

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JAN. 2	Mansfield Town	2 - 1	2,157	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
JAN. 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	0 - 0	4,133	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Weston	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M Quinn
JAN. 19	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5 - 0	4,111	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
JAN. 23	BRADFORD CITY	4 - 1	7,107	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 26	Crewe Alexandra	1 - 0	3,874	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
JAN. 30	Northampton Town	3 - 2	2,418	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	1 - 1	6,315	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 8	Port Vale	1 - 1	8,775	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 13	Torquay United	0 - 0	2,545	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
FEB. 17	ALDERSHOT	1 - 0	5,120	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Quinn	O'Keefe	O'Keefe	Houghton	Evans	Weston
FEB. 26	Stockport County	1 - 0	5,084	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	O'Keefe	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
MAR. 6	HULL CITY	2 - 1	6,008	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Quinn	Evans	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Wright
MAR. 9	BURY	3 - 2	7,508	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 12	Scunthorpe United	7 - 2	2,599	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 16	Darlington	3 - 1	2,147	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 20	COLCHESTER UNITED	3 - 2	6,747	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 23	Sheffield United	0 - 1	22,336	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 27	Hereford United	0 - 3	4,191	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
MAR. 30	BLACKPOOL	2 - 1	7,329	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 2	YORK CITY	4 - 2	6,029	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
APR. 9	Blackpool														
APR. 10	CREWE ALEXANDRA														
APR. 17	Halifax Town														
APR. 24	ROCHDALE														
MAY 1	Peterborough United														
MAY 4	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH														
MAY 8	MANFIELD TOWN														
MAY 15	Aldershot														

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT TUESDAY, 6th APRIL, 1982

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan Athletic	38	15	3	1	40	16	7	7	5	28	25	76
Sheffield United	36	13	6	0	45	13	8	5	4	35	21	74
Peterborough Utd.	36	15	2	1	41	11	7	6	5	21	26	74
Bradford City	37	11	6	2	40	18	10	4	4	31	18	73
AFC Bournemouth	37	9	9	1	26	13	10	5	3	21	12	71
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Comment

FROM THE CHAIR

Good Afternoon and a very warm welcome to our visitors from Crewe Alexandra for our thirty-ninth League match of the season. The battle for promotion would now appear to be between five clubs and with only four places available, it is certainly going to be a tight finish and one which could be decided on the last day of the season.

The news of the departure of Mr. Ken Bates to Chelsea did not come as a surprise to me. He has been negotiating the takeover for several months and has kept me closely informed of his progress. I am obviously sad at his departure and we are very grateful to him for coming and giving us a lift at the start of this season. It is true to say that we would not be where we are today without his invaluable help. His departure will not make any difference to the running of the Club, however, and things are running along smoothly. There will obviously be some restructuring of the Board and of share-

ownership, but absolutely nothing will be done until we have achieved our goal of Third Division status.

I would like to congratulate Les Bradd on playing his 550th League game against Blackpool and I am especially pleased that he achieved this whilst wearing the Wigan Athletic colours. He is the ideal footballer, being a true professional in his attitude both on and off the pitch, and the greatest accolade I can give him is that he is a really nice person.

The seat holders in the Golden Jubilee Lounge are starting to develop their own club with a view to raising money for Wigan Athletic and having met most, if not all, of them, I am convinced that they are persons of character and determination, whose support will be a great asset to Wigan Athletic in the future.

Enjoy the game.

Freddie Pye

**Freddie Pye,
Chairman.**

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"HERE NEXT"
Saturday, 24th April, 1982
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WIGAN ATHLETIC - v - ROCHDALE
Football League Division Four



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Brian Taylor
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Eamon O'Keefe
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Mike Quinn

Referee:
MR. C.N. SEEL
(Carlisle)

Started refereeing in 1961 and from local leagues progressed via Northern Regional, Northern Floodit, Central and Irish Leagues to the Football League full list. Has refereed a number of important League matches and officiated in three F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and an Amateur Cup Final at Wembley as well as Anglo-Italian and Fairs Cup matches in Italy and Spain. Refereed 1979 Challenge Vase Final.

He is married, with two daughters, and works as a Composer. Keen on gardening, and enjoys all sports. Serves on several local football and refereeing committees, and is a local hospital broadcaster.

Linesmen:

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Mr. G. Aplin
(Kendal)

Yellow Flag
Mr. S.D. Williams
(Cheadle)

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**CREWE
ALEXANDRA**
(Red/White)

- 1 Ken Mulhearn
- 2 Kevin Lewis
- 3 Neil Griffiths
- 4 Neil Salathiel
- 5 Bob Scott
- 6 Mark Palios
- 7 Paul Keighley
- 8 Sean Haslegrave
- 9 Wayne Entwistle
- 10 Colin Chesters
- 11 Phil Williams
- 12 To be announced